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REMARKS

Response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group V, claim 24, drawn to a method for down regulating a T cell mediated autoimmune response comprising injecting a tissue site with genetic material for expressing  $\alpha$ -MSH, classified in Class 514, subclass 44. The claims in this application are directed to different aspects of the same general invention, and the Applicants submit that it would not unduly burden the Examiner to search on all the claims. The Applicants request rejoinder when allowable subject matter is identified.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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